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SUBJ: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA

REF: STATE 162623

1. WE ARE PREPARED, OF COURSE, TO MAKE DEMARCHE IN SUPPORT OF THE ROK POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE UNGA OUTLINED IN REFTTEL. HOWEVER, ASSUMING THAT THIS ISSUE IS OF MAJOR CONCERN TO THE ROK, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO PRESENT ITW OWN CASE TO THE GOES BEFORE WE DO, IF WE ARE TO IMPRESS THE GOES OF ITS IMPORTANCE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL THAT WHEN THE QUESTION OF NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP WAS BEFORE THE WHO LAST MAY, WE URGED THAT THE ROK AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR, RESIDENT IN MEXICO, VISIT OR PERSONALTY CALL THE SALVADORAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE THE ROK ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE. INSTEAD, THE ROK AMBASSADOR SIMPLY SENT A NOTE TO THE SALVADORAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO. THE GOES EVENTUALLY SUPPORTED THE ROK POSITION BUT PRINCIPALLY AT OUR URGING, NOT AT THEIRS. WE NOTED AT THE TIME (SAN SALVADOR 1878) THAT "WE ARE USING OUR DIPLOMATIC CREDIT FOR ANOTHER PARTY WHICH, AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE DID LITTLE TO PRESS ITS OWN INTEREST. IN THE UTURE WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE US MAKE NO APPROACHES UNTIL WE ARE SURE THAT THE PARTY WITH THE

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GREATEST INTEREST HAS MADE A SERIOUS EFFORT ITSELF WITH
THE HOST GOVT."

2. IN THE CURRENT CASE, WE BELIEVE THAO OUR DEMARCH
WOULD BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE AFTER THE ROK HAS MADE
ITS OWN; AND IF THE ISSUE IS OF SUCH CONCERN TO THEM,
WE WOULD THINK A VISIT OF THE ROK AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR
AS WELL AS TO THE OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE IN
ORDER. IF POSSIBLE PLEASE ADVISE HOW AND WHEN ROK WILL TAKE UP THE
QUESTION WITH THE GOES.
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